**Dolhasti Hydro-electric power project**

2023. SIKRI H. HANUMAN THAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 24 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th July, 1994 and state;

(a) by when the French Consortium is likely to start the work; and

(b) what is the estimated total cost of the project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Work on Dulhasti Hydroelectric Power Project will be resumed after the ongoing negotiations between NHPC and the French Consortium of firms have been completed and necessary amendments to the contracts are signed with the approval of the Government.

(b) The cost of the project as on date is tentatively estimated at about Rs. 2450 crores excluding the interest during construction .

**Requirement of electricity in Delhi**

2024. SHRI D. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any survey of the likely demand of electricity in Delhi by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the electricity requirement of Delhi, keeping in view the long and frequent power cuts in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The 14th Electric Power Survey Com-mittee has estimated the peak and energy requirement of Delhi by the end of Eighth 'Five Year Plan as 2532 MW and 14416 Million Units, respectively,

(c) The steps takes/proposed to be taken to meet the power requirement of Delhi, inter-alia include:—

(i) Capacity addition of 762 MW during 8th Plan.

(ii) Maximising generation from existing Stations of DESU.

(iii) Implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme.

(iv) Better demand management and energy coservation measures.

(v) Checking of thefts, reduction, in transmission and distribution losse's.

(vi) Augmentation of Delhi's, power availability by transfer of energy from surplu system as and when available.

(vii) Establishment of 400 KV Ring around Delhi, which will facilitate drawing of adequate power from Northern Grid.

**Thermal Power Plants**

2025. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA; Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power plants estabished by the corporation under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Power together with their names, locations, planned capacities and the current plant load Factors;

(b) whether conventional or fluidised bed combustion boilers are used in these power plants, if so, the respective capa cities off boilers used in each plant;

(c) what are the parameters of coal that are required hi conventional Or fluidised bed combustion boilers. in few of ash content, Useful Heat Value and other parameters; and

*(d)* what is the actual quality of coal being received/used in these thernal power houses in terms of Useful Heat Value or ash?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The details